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Engineer Sentenced to 46 Months for Bankruptcy Fraud

TUCSON, ARIZONA –The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announces that on March 2, 2004, Dwight Lind, (D.O.B.) March 25, 1945, of Oro Valley, Arizona, was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment followed by two years of supervised release, by United States District Judge Roll, in Tucson, Arizona.

Lind had been found guilty by jury on February 4, 2003, of one count of bankruptcy fraud, three counts of engaging in transaction with property derived from unlawful activity, and one count of false declarations before court. The charges arose out of Lind's concealment of land worth \$240,000 from the bankruptcy court and his creditors.

Lind, a civil engineer and registered land surveyor, filed a personal bankruptcy in 1997. He did not disclose to his creditors or the bankruptcy court that he owned valuable real estate in Clark County, Nevada. He failed to list his ownership of the land in his bankruptcy schedule of assets and statement of financial affairs, which he signed under penalty of perjury. Days after he filed these documents with the bankruptcy court, Lind transferred the land to the Joshua Tree Trust, a family trust of one of Lind's friends.

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The land was then sold to a third party. Following directions given by Lind, the Joshua Tree Trust signed the sale documents and directed that the proceeds from the sale of the land be deposited into accounts controlled by Lind. Lind's share of the profits from the sale of the property was \$240, 382.58. Lind failed to disclose the transfer of the real estate to the Joshua Tree Trust and failed to disclose his receipt of monies from the sale of the real estate to his creditors and the bankruptcy court.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Trustee's Office.

The prosecution was handled by Robert Miskell and Jennifer Guerin, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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